

CONFIDENTIAL

JOURNAL

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Monday - 31 August 1970

1. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Edward T. Hugler, Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service staff, who told me that no schedule or plan for handling the Ervin bill (S. 782) has been given to the staff by Chairman Henderson. Chairman Henderson will not be returning to the city until after Labor Day.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. E. Jayne Bodecker, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Committee on Government Operations staff, and returned to her the Subcommittee file copies of the 1961 and 1962 Subcommittee reports on telephone monitoring that were loaned for our use. Mrs. Bodecker advised that the reports of the various agencies are being received but no action has started as yet to prepare the Subcommittee report on the current study.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Bruce F. Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William G. Bray (R., Ind.), who told me that he will be interviewing an Army Captain for Representative Bray later in the day. The Captain apparently is interested in Federal employment. On my advice that the Agency is doing relatively little hiring, Mr. Merkle told me that he would not bother us with this particular individual who does not appear to have any noteworthy qualifications.

[Redacted]

5. (Internal Use Only - RJK) Per arrangements made by Mr. [Redacted] (see item 7, 27 August 1970 Journal) delivered [Redacted] Books for the dates 17-25 August to Mrs. Colmer in the office of Representative William S. Broomfield (R., Mich.).

STATSPECS

CONFIDENTIAL

**SECRET**

JOURNAL

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Monday - 17 August 1970

1. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Jack Matteson, Representative Moss' Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information staff, about their current survey on the use of telephone monitoring equipment. In response to my question as to whether we could avoid inserting the Agency's response in the record, Matteson referred to the procedure utilized in 1961 in which our response was printed in the Committee report and said he thought a change in the procedure at this point would raise more questions than would occur if the letter was printed. I told him if we had any further problems on this I would be back in touch with him.

25X1A

2. (Secret - GLC) Mr. [REDACTED], of OEL, called to say that he had met with Paul Mohr, Director of the Survey and Investigation Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee, on Friday and had arranged with Mohr to substitute Carrol Marrow for Robert Canfield for detail to the Subcommittee. This arrangement has been approved by Mr. [REDACTED]

25X1A

3. (Secret - GLC) Hand-carried to Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a letter covering our latest withdrawal from the Reserves and a subsequent crediting of the Reserves in the same amount. Woodruff and I also discussed a number of other matters (see Memorandum for the Record for details).

25X1A

4. (Confidential - GLC) Met with Miss Alma Moore, in the office of Representative F. Edward Hebert (D., La.), and briefed her on the circumstances involved in the case of [REDACTED]. Miss Moore seemed to agree that the Agency had no alternative but to suggest his resignation under the circumstances, but asked if we could give her a letter containing a summary of the case. I told Miss Moore I thought we could do this but that naturally the letter would not contain the same details which I had given her orally.

**SECRET**

WASHINGTON POST

DATE 17 AUG 70PAGE B9**The Washington Merry-Go-Round**

THE WASHINGTON POST Monday, Aug. 17, 1970

B9

# Army Bends to Pressure on NRA Event

**By Jack Anderson**

Under pressure from the National Rifle Association and members of Congress, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird has quietly agreed to provide at least \$70,000 in military support for the NRA-sponsored 1970 World Shooting Championships.

By allowing the private gun lobby's shooting match to be publicly subsidized, Laird overruled vigorous objections from Army Under Secretary Thaddeus Beal. The Army was being asked for most of the support.

Until recently, the Pentagon provided all-out assistance to the NRA's annual national competition. But this came to an abrupt end when controversy erupted over the association's high pressure lobbying against gun control in the aftermath of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination.

Undaunted, the NRA and its friends in Washington again rallied to hit up the Pentagon for help during this year's worldwide event. The International Championship is being held in this country under NRA sponsorship for

the first time. Contestants from 60 nations will take part.

The backstage maneuvering began last spring when the association submitted a huge shopping list of requested assistance to the Pentagon. The NRA, which is used to getting its way in Washington, wanted everything from a motion-picture detachment to a team of linguists.

The request got an icy reception from the Army.

In a private June 2 memo, Under Secretary Beal declared "there is neither precedent nor regulatory authority for providing personnel or equipment to the NRA."

But Beal's argument was lost on Laird, who was feeling the heat from Capitol Hill.

For one thing, Texas Rep. George Mahon's mighty Appropriations Committee had urged Pentagon support for the shooting contest.

For another, Rep. John J. Rhodes and Sen. Barry Goldwater, both Arizona Republicans, were asking military assistance for the event. It will be held at Black Canyon north of Phoenix in their home state from October 12 to 26.

So Laird's office asked the

Army to take another look and consider a shortened shopping list.

on July 27, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army David H. Ward, again protested that even the shortened NRA request should be flatly rejected.

Two days later, Laird's final decision was made known in a private message to Ward from Acting Under Secretary of Defense Vice Admiral W. P. Mack. "The Secretary of Defense desires that the support detailed in . . . your memorandum be furnished," it read.

The result: The Army will provide the NRA a radio communications system with two mechanics and six operators, 22 field telephones four general purpose tents, two supply officers and eight duty soldiers, two first aid stations with two ambulances and qualified medical personnel, four small arms vans, four armorers and 68 officers and enlisted men to "command, control and operate equipment."

The total cost of the Army's share will be \$62,000. The

Navy and Air Force will chip in assistance worth an extra \$10,000.

**Eavesdropper**

Fear of an unknown eavesdropper haunts every telephone caller in official Washington. A secretary or recording device may be taking down every word. Or an entire roomful of people could be listening in on a squawk box.

Congressman John Moss, (D-Calif.) has ordered a probe of this insidious practice. He has demanded information from more than 50 government offices on possible telephonic eavesdropping. Moss instructed his Government Operations subcommittee staff to question each agency via a written form. The reports are to be submitted to him by September 1st.

The questionnaire seeks information on which agencies allow a secretary to listen in, which use electronic "third-party" eavesdroppers, and how much it costs the taxpayer to have his calls monitored without his knowing it.

© 1970, Bell-McClure Syndicate, Inc.

SECRET

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel  
Wednesday - 5 August 1970

Page 3

10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Delivered three letters from Mr. Maury to Mr. William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee; Senator Milton R. Young (R., N.Dak.); and Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.).

11. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to the offices of Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), and Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), [redacted] items in which the Senators were mentioned. STATSPEC

25X1A

12. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Earl J. Morgan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and brought him up to date on the Agency close out of Project [redacted] In essence I filled him in on the details of the two air shipments and the surface shipment.

13. (Unclassified - JGO) In response to a request earlier in the day, delivered two sets of personnel applications to the office of Senator Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.).

14. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Norman G. Cornish, House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information staff, and discussed with him the current Subcommittee study on telephone monitoring in Federal departments and agencies. In response to my request for copies of the earlier Subcommittee reports, Mr. Cornish told me he would have them pulled from file and have them available tomorrow on a loan basis. He also mentioned in passing that the Subcommittee is somewhat concerned with the transcription of the tape recordings of the interviews by the delegation from the House of Representatives with persons at the Con Son prison in Vietnam and indicated he might want to talk to us further on this subject at a later date.

15. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Bun Bray, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the full Committee will not be meeting tomorrow nor will the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee. Chairman Henderson has not scheduled a date for consideration of S. 782. Other Committee business may possibly fill the schedule through the August recess on the 14th.

SECRET